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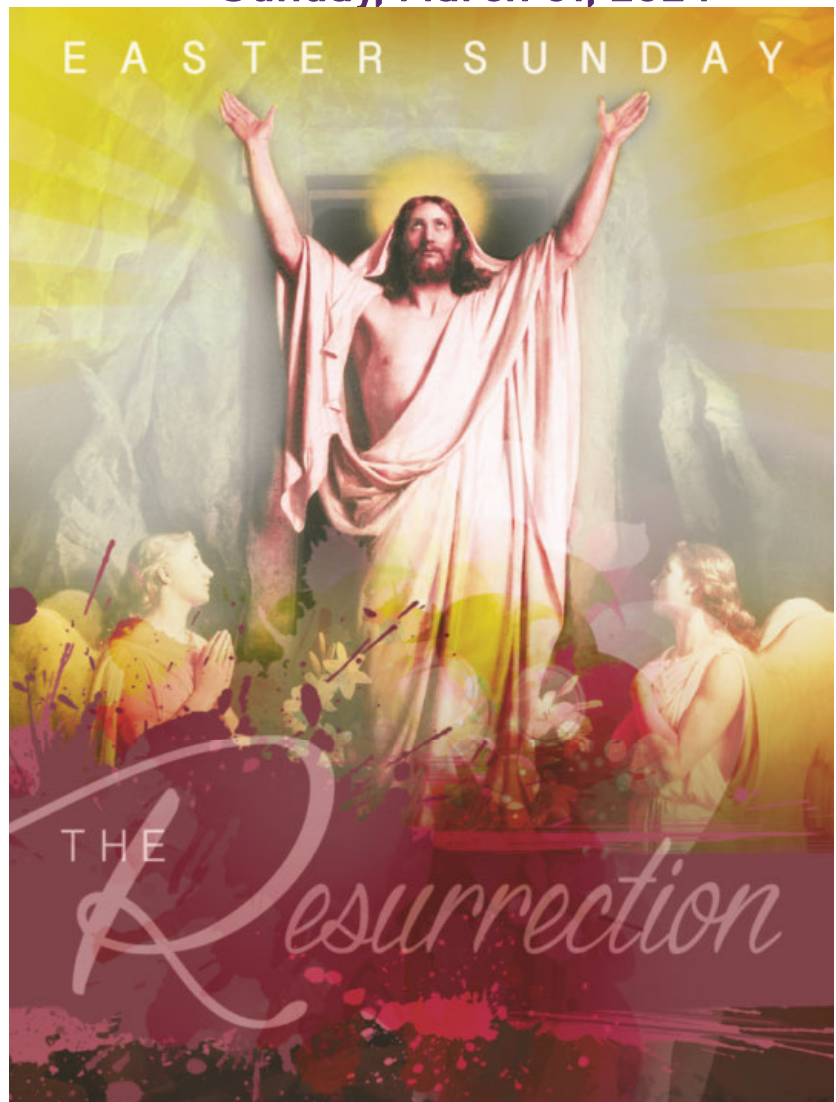
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM
Tuesdays 6:30 PM Spanish



Saturday	March 30
7:30 pm (Bilingual)	Catherine O'Mara
Sunday	March 31—Easter
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Muchi Wong
10:30 am	TJ and Sally D. Lee
	(Mother & Daughter)
12:00 pm	Silvestre Morales, Sr.
1:15 pm (Español)	Miguel, Salvador, Juan Ocampo and Miguel Arellano Bonilla
Monday	April 1
7:00 am	The Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry
9:00 am	Jose Mercedes Rodriguez
6:30 pm	Balvino Alexis Guevara
Tuesday	April 2
7:00 am	Baby Chen Mathew
9:00 am	Ramon Emilio Torres
6:30 pm (Español)	The Dalton Family
Wednesday	April 3
7:00 am	Victorian Emmanuel
9:00 am	Janice Hazelton
6:30 pm	George & Mary Bailey
Thursday	April 4
7:00 am	Mary Joseph
9:00 am	Soledad Wheeler
6:30 pm	Manuel Teodoro De Jesús
Friday	April 5
7:00 am	Matilde Banawa
9:00 am	John, Nora, & Mary Reilly
6:30 pm	John Concannon
Saturday	April 6
7:00 am (Español)	Sp. Int.: Jaden Manuel—Birthday
9:00 am	Patricia Sutherland—16th Anniv.
5:30 pm	Eleanor Orlando
7:00 pm (Español)	Marino Perez
Sunday	April 7—Divine Mercy Sunday
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Juana Rivas
10:30 am	Eileen Callaghan
12:00 pm	Madelyn McHale
1:15 pm (Español)	Sp. Int.: Health of the Espinal Family
3:00 pm	Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
5:30pm (Tagalog)	Special Intention

**The Rectory and Religious Education offices
will be closed Easter Monday, April 1st.**



Rosarians will gather for the 9am Mass on **Monday, April 1st** and pray the rosary together after Mass. All are invited to join in the Rosary.



First Friday Holy Hour on April 5th—7pm—8pm.
8pm—midnight silent adoration.
Friday midnight—Saturday 6am adoration led by the Anointing Fire Ministry in the Main Church.
Saturday 6am-7am adoration led by Rosario de la Aurora. 6:45am Benediction.



Join us—April 6th
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First Saturday of each month
6:30am—4:30pm
Adoration Chapel ramp side
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SPECIAL NEEDS ALL-INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS
This monthly Mass will be next **Sunday, April 7th at 3pm**, especially for individuals with disabilities and their families, but all are welcome!

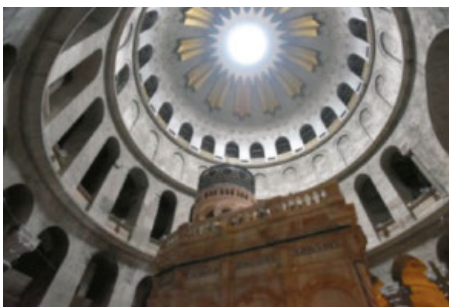
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A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Alleluia, He is Truly Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I welcome all of you who are celebrating Easter with us today. I especially welcome those who do not come to church often; know that you have a home here at St. John's and a place where you can experience the immense love which God has for you.

A few years ago, a Greek team announced the completion of the restoration of the tomb of Jesus, a project which itself took nearly a year to complete.

The work was led by the National Technical University of Athens, and the restoration team removed hundreds of years of candle soot, as well as marble slabs encasing the stone bench where Jesus' body was placed after his crucifixion. The cave where Jesus was buried lies beneath a shrine called the Edicule, which itself is located within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

I first visited this shrine in the year 2000. I had accompanied a group of 100 youth from NJ, and after celebrating Mass with the Pope Saint John Paul II in Galilee, we travelled south to Jerusalem, to pray at the Holy Sepulchre.

We waited on line for hours, slowly inching our way forward amidst the throngs of people, weaving our way around the stone columns of the church, towards the entrance of the cave where Jesus was buried.

On finally arriving to the entrance to the Edicule, one has to bend down to pass through the low entrance, and finally, there it is! A stone slab! There is nothing else there!

The place is not a "tomb." It is not a cemetery. It is not a place to pay respect for the dead! A dead body did once lay on that stone slab, but he is not there.

Each one of us has come to the empty tomb today. We are here on Easter Sunday morning because that dead man, Jesus of Nazareth, who once lay on that slab, is Risen.

It is not enough to see a dead man come back to life! Lazarus was raised from the dead, and that didn't change anyone!

The women who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning, and the Disciples to whom Jesus then appeared, were not changed because they saw Jesus Risen.

What changed their lives, and changed the course of human history, is the fact that this man who had died and is Risen is in fact God himself.

God, who did not create death, but life, has entered into death, and overcome it. Jesus Christ, true God and true man, makes a new creation. We have, through him, access to Eternal Life.

The disciples would believe, as we believe, not because they saw, but because they themselves became partakers of His Resurrection. We too, at the Easter Vigil, and on Easter Sunday, are invited to experience the Resurrection of Christ within us. There is no suffering, no anguish, no grief, no loss, no misfortune, no sin, no sadness, darkness or doubt, that has not been overcome by Christ Risen. He Rose from death for us, fallen humanity, that we can truly experience that God is with us always, that we can trust completely in Him. Through Christ alive here with us, we can experience the Love of God in everything that happens in our life.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Christ stands at the right hand of the Father, interceding for each one of us, no matter who we are. God loves you.

We do not need to go to the Holy Sepulchre to experience this. The Good News of the Resurrection comes to meet us here today. Happy Easter!

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,



¡Feliz Pascua! ¡Cristo ha resucitado, Aleluya, verdaderamente resucitado, Aleluya!

Les doy la bienvenida a todos, que celebran la Pascua con nosotros hoy. Especialmente doy la bienvenida a aquellos que no vienen a la iglesia a menudo; sepan que tienen un hogar aquí en San Juan y un lugar donde pueden experimentar el inmenso amor que Dios tiene para ustedes.

Hace unos años, un equipo griego anunció la finalización de la restauración de la tumba de Jesús, un proyecto que a su vez tardó casi un año en completarse.

El trabajo fue dirigido por la Universidad Técnica Nacional de Atenas, y el equipo de restauración eliminó cientos de años de velas derretidas, así como losas de mármol que cubrían la piedra donde el cuerpo de Jesús fue colocado después de su crucifixión. La cueva donde Jesús fue enterrado se encuentra bajo un santuario llamado Edículo, que a su vez se encuentra dentro de la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro, en el barrio cristiano de la Ciudad Vieja de Jerusalén.

Visité por primera vez este santuario en el 2000. Había acompañado a un grupo de 100 jóvenes de NJ, y después de celebrar la Misa con el Papa Juan Pablo II en Galilea, viajamos al sur a Jerusalén, para orar en el Santo Sepulcro.

Esperamos en fila durante horas, retrasando nuestro camino hacia adelante en medio de la multitud de personas, tejiendo nuestro camino alrededor de las columnas de piedra de la iglesia, a la entrada de la cueva donde Jesús fue enterrado.

Cuando finalmente llegas a la entrada del Edículo, uno tiene que inclinarse para pasar a través de la entrada baja, y finalmente, ¡allí está! ¡Una losa de piedra! ¡No hay nada más!

El lugar no es una "tumba." No es un cementerio. ¡No es un lugar para respetar a los muertos! Un cadáver yacía una vez en esa losa de piedra, pero no está allí.

Cada uno de nosotros ha venido a la tumba vacía hoy. Estamos aquí en la mañana del domingo de Pascua porque el hombre muerto, Jesús de Nazaret, que una vez yacía en esa losa, ha resucitado.

¡No es suficiente ver a un hombre muerto volver a la vida! ¡Lázaro resucitó de entre los muertos, y eso no cambió a nadie!

Las mujeres que fueron a la tumba en esa primera mañana de Pascua, y los Discípulos a quienes Jesús entonces apareció, no fueron cambiados porque vieron a Jesús resucitado.

Lo que cambió sus vidas, y cambió el curso de la historia humana, es el hecho de que este hombre que murió y resucitó es, de hecho, Dios mismo.

Dios, que no creó la muerte, sino la vida, ha entrado en la muerte y la ha vencido. Jesucristo, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, hace una nueva creación. Tenemos, a través de él, acceso a la Vida Eterna.

Los discípulos creerían, como nosotros creemos, no porque vieron, sino porque ellos mismos se convirtieron en participantes de Su Resurrección. También nosotros, en la Vigilia pascual y en el domingo de Pascua, estamos invitados a experimentar la resurrección de Cristo en nosotros. No hay sufrimiento, ni angustia, ni dolor, ni pérdida, ni desgracia, ni pecado, ni tristeza, ni oscuridad ni duda, que no haya sido vencido por Cristo resucitado. Resucitó de la muerte por nosotros, humanidad caída, para que podamos experimentar verdaderamente que Dios está siempre con nosotros, que podemos confiar completamente en Él. Por medio de Cristo vivo aquí con nosotros, podemos experimentar el Amor de Dios en todo lo que sucede en nuestra vida.

¡Cristo ha resucitado, Aleluya!

Cristo está a la derecha del Padre, intercediendo por cada uno de nosotros, sin importar quiénes seamos. Dios te ama.

No necesitamos ir al Santo Sepulcro para experimentar esto. La Buena Nueva de la Resurrección viene a nuestro encuentro hoy aquí. ¡Feliz Pascua!

Fr. Sean



Penance - Saturdays: 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Church.

Baptisms - English - 3:00pm — 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month
Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

Instructions for parents will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month in English at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and the 3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 2:45pm in the Parish Life Center Gathering Room for parents having their first child baptized. All parents must be registered parishioners and present the child's birth certificate at the time of arranging the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.

Matrimony—Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.



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Las oficinas de la Rectoría y Educación Religiosa estarán cerradas el lunes, 1 de abril.



Confesiones Sábados: 1:00pm-2:00pm en la iglesia
Bautizos Inglés - 3:00pm - 2º y 3er domingo del mes /
 Español-2:45pm-4º domingo del mes

La clase para los padres se llevarán a cabo el 1er domingo del mes en inglés a la 1:30pm en el basement del Parish Life Center y el 3er domingo del mes en español a las 2:45pm en Parish Life Center para los padres que van a bautizar a su primer hijo(a). Todos los padres deben ser parroquianos registrados y presentar el certificado de nacimiento del niño(a) en el momento de organizar el bautizo. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes, de al menos 16 años de edad, que hayan recibido los Sacramentos de la Confirmación y la Eucaristía, y, si los padrinos están casados, el Sacramento del Matrimonio. El certificado de padrino o madrina debe ser presentado al menos una semana antes del Bautizo. Por favor llame a la Rectoría al 201-384-0101 para información.

Matrimonio Los arreglos para una boda deben hacerse al menos con un año de anticipación. Por favor, hable con uno de los sacerdotes, 201-384-0101.

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